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1. WE BELIEVE FIRST SENTENCE, PARA 3 OF SUBJECT REPORT OVERSTATES DEGREE OF ROMANIAN ACCOMMODATION TOWARD USSR AND WOULD SUGGEST REPLACEMENT WITH SOMETHING ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: QUOTE ROMANIA HAS ACCORDINGLY ADOPTED A SOMEWHAT MORE CONCILIATORY PUBLIC STANCE TOWARD THE USSR, ACCOMPANIED BY MORE FREQUENT EXPRESSIONS OF DESIRE FOR INCREASED ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THERE IS NO SIGN, HOWEVER, OF ANY FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN ROMANIA'S "SEMI-INDEPENDENT" POLICY TOWARD THE USSR. SOME MENDING OF ECONOMIC FENCES. . . END QUOTE.

2. WITH REGARD LAST SENTENCE, PARA 4, COMPLETION OF 1971-75 PLAN IS 4 1/2 YEARS HAD BEEN LARGELY ABANDONED AS NATIONAL GOAL, ALTHOUGH STILL RETAINED FOR BUCHAREST CITY AND SOME INDIVIDUAL FACTORIES. WOULD SUGGEST REPLACING PHRASE IN PARENTHESES BY QUOTE COMPLETING THE 1971-1975 PLAN AHEAD OF SCHEDULE
END QUOTE.

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3. WE NOTE THAT SPELLING "RUMANIA" HAS BEEN USED THROUGHOUT.
WE WOULD URGE USE OF SPELLING "ROMANIA" SINCE IT POSES NO
LINGUISTIC DIFFICULTY AND HAS ADDED VIRTUE OF BEING COUNTRY'S
OWN SPELLING, TO WHICH ROMANIA ATTACHES HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE.
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